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**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOUNDATION TO CREATE A  
TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY FUNDING FOR CAPITAL EXPANSION  
OF THE CHILDREN'S CAMPUS.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico children's campus is  
a top-ranked children's daycare facility that provides  
enriched, innovative child care to the children of the  
university's students, staff and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the children's campus currently has a waiting  
list of several hundred children, many of whom have been  
waiting years to use the children's campus; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has completed  
renovation and expansion plans for the children's campus, but  
has not identified capital funding for this expansion; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has no dedicated

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1 funding to fully cover the cost of operating an expanded  
2 children's campus; and

3 WHEREAS, state general funding for the children's campus  
4 is not recurring; and

5 WHEREAS, most students, especially students who are  
6 parents, have limited funds, and are particularly challenged to  
7 continue their education in the current economic climate; and

8 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to  
9 support and encourage those students who are parents returning  
10 to school to obtain higher education; and

11 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico graduate and  
12 professional student association has identified the funding of  
13 children's campus as its top priority;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
15 OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico foundation be  
16 requested to create a task force to study and identify funding  
17 for capital expansion and for the operation of the children's  
18 campus; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include  
20 representation from the college of education and the university  
21 of New Mexico graduate and professional student association;  
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico  
25 foundation.

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